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LOWER FOOD PRICES IN BELGRADE

MEATS, VEGETABLES LOWERED -- Belgrade, Politika, 17 Mar 51

The Commission of Trade and Supply in Belgrade ruled on 16 March that selling prices of agricultural products in state and farm-work-cooperative markets in Belgrade? will be reduced. Prices of fresh and smoked meat are reduced from 20 to 30 percent; lard is 20 dinars less per kilogram? A kilogram of sausage will now cost 300 dinars, lard and table oil 380 dinars, smoked sausage 250 dinars, etc. Prices of vegetables are also lower. A kilogram of potatoes is 35 dinars, a rope of black sig onions 8 dinars, etc. Vegetable prices are, of course, temporary, for all markets are showing a tendency toward a rapid decline in vegetable prices. For instance, the price of a kilogram of spinach has already fallen to 25 dinars.

No decree has been issued regarding fish, but this que tion is to be studied. The commission decided that great differences exist between the selling prices of fish in various markets and that today's fish prices are excessively high. The "Belje" Farm sells sturgeon at 150 dinars per kilogram. The director of the "Belje" Fish Enterprise considers that the price of sturgeon could be reduced to 72 dinars per kilogram. However, the price of sturgeon in the markets of the municipal fish enterprises in Belgrade is 300 dinars, and the price of carp is 200 dinars.

FARM WORK CO-OPS INCREASE IN MONTENEGRO -- Cetinje, Pobjeda, 10 Mar 51

At the end of 1950, Montenegro had 6,968 farm work cooperatives which included 415,438 households and 2,215,863 hectares of land, as compared with 6,625 cooperatives, 340,739 households, and 1,839,978 hectares of land at the end of 1949. At the end of 1950, 12 percent of the cooperatives had up to 2 hectares of land, 40.3 percent had from 2 to 5 hectares, 22.5 percent had from 5 to 8 hectares, 7.7 percent had from 8 to 10 hectares, 9.6 percent had from 10 to 15 hectares, and 7.9 percent had over 15 hectares.

In 1951, the plan calls for farm work cooperatives and state farms to produce 260,000 tons of yegetables, 34,000 tons of fruit, 7,600 tons of meat, 20,000 tons of wine, 8 million eggs, and 400,000 hectoliters of milk for the free market.

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